

Table 11: Settlement Conferences

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M.D. Ala.	Appropriate cases are referred to a senior district judge or a magistrate judge for mediation. The court uses the term “mediation” to include settlement conferences.	All cases are eligible for mediation and mediation is discussed at the initial scheduling conference.	A senior district judge or a magistrate judge	Yes
N.D. Ala.	IA	IA	Designated settlement judge	Under revised Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(c), judges conducting settlement conferences may at their discretion require that the attorneys be able to reach a representative of the client who has settlement authority or responsibilities. Clients and their representatives may also be required to participate in ADR proceedings directed under the ADR plan. As recommended by the Advisory Group, no additional provisions are needed in this plan to provide adequate opportunities for client participation in settlement discussions.
S.D. Ala.	IA	IA	IA	IA

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D. Alaska	IA	IA	IA	The court routinely includes such a requirement for settlement conferences.
D. Ariz.	IA	IA	A magistrate judge or a district judge not assigned to the case	Yes
E.D. Ark.	The court will neither initiate nor order a mandatory settlement conference with the court.	IA	IA	IA
W.D. Ark.	IA	Complex cases at the discretion of the court	IA	IA
C.D. Cal.	A mandatory settlement conference will be held in all but excused or exempted civil cases. Loc. R. 23	A mandatory settlement conference will be held in all cases except: 1. a party is appearing pro se; or 2. filings under 28 U.S.C. §§ 2242, 2254 and 2255, or their equivalents. The conference will be held no later than 45 days before the final pretrial conference date. Loc. R. 23	The parties may choose 1 of these neutrals: 1. the assigned judge; 2. another judge; 3. a magistrate judge; 4. an attorney of their choice or an attorney appointed by the court; 5. a retired judge; or 6. a private ADR provider. Loc. R. 23.5	Yes Loc. R. 23.6.2
E.D. Cal.	The court will seek to provide a settlement conference at the earliest appropriate opportunity in every case. All judges will offer to conduct settlement conferences for litigants.	IA Loc. R. 270(a) (10/84; Revised 5/91)	IA Loc. R. 270(b) (10/84; Revised 5/91)	IA Loc. R. 270(f) (10/84; Revised 5/91)
N.D. Cal.	The court provides judicially hosted settlement conferences as part of its ADR program. Loc. R. 240-1	A settlement conference may be held during the pendency of any civil case. Loc. R. 240-1	Most settlement conferences are conducted by a magistrate judge, but district judges may assist with settlement negotiations as their calendars permit.	Yes Loc. R. 240-1
S.D. Cal.	A settlement conference is mandatory unless the court determines otherwise.	IA Loc. R. 37.1 (12/91)	A district judge or a magistrate judge	A party with authority to bind must be present.

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D. Colo.	The court may order parties to engage in settlement discussions. The court may order a “time out” period at any time in order to encourage settlement. Loc. R. 29.1 Loc. R. 53.2	IA	IA	Any counsel appearing at conferences must be authorized to bind their clients. Loc. R. 29.1
D. Conn.	IA Loc. R. 11(b) (1985) Loc. R. 28 (1985)	IA Special Masters Program Guidelines (1985)	IA Loc. R. 28 Loc. R. 11(b) (1985) Loc. R. 10(a) (1985)	Counsel will attend any settlement conference fully authorized to make a final demand or offer and to act promptly on any prepared settlement.
D. Del.	Counsel must certify to the court that they have conferred regarding the possibility of settlement, the possibility of resolution through mediation or arbitration, and briefing practices. Loc. R. 72.1(a)(1)	IA	IA	IA
D.D.C.	IA	After conferring with the parties at the first scheduling conference, the judge will place a case in the category in which it best fits, determine any limits on discovery, and issue a scheduling order. Loc. R. 206.1(b) (3/1/94)	IA	The court will require, whenever possible, that representatives of the parties with authority to bind them in settlement discussions be present or available by telephone during settlement negotiations.
M.D. Fla.	According to the revised Loc. R. 3.05, parties must address the likelihood of settlement and use of ADR in the case management report.	IA	IA	Yes (PD)
N.D. Fla.	Counsel must discuss settlement at the required meeting in preparing the joint discovery/case management plan.	The meet and confer requirement applies to all but certain specifically exempted classes of cases. (PD)	IA	Yes
S.D. Fla.	IA	IA	IA	IA

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M.D. Ga.	IA	IA	IA	The court adopts the requirement that each party be represented at the pretrial conference by someone with authority to bind. Loc. R. 5 (6/2/93)
N.D. Ga.	Local rule already requires that the lead attorneys for the litigants hold 2 settlement conferences. The first conference originally was held 30 days after issue is joined; the second conference is held 10 days after the close of discovery. The court is amending the local rule to consolidate the settlement certificate reporting the outcome of the first conference into the preliminary statement. The filing date for the preliminary statement will be advanced to 30 days after issue is joined and the first settlement conference will be advanced to prior to the filing of the preliminary statement.	PD Loc. R. 235-1	PD	Each party must be represented at the post-discovery settlement conference by a person with authority to bind.
S.D. Ga.	IA Loc. R. 8.1, 8.2 (1/82); Renumbered Loc. R. 16.2, 16.4, 16.5	IA	IA	IA Loc. R. 8.3 (added 6/94); Renumbered Loc. R. 16.5
D. Guam	IA	IA	IA	Each party appearing at all conferences will have full authority with respect to all matters on the agenda, including settlement. Loc. R. 235-4; 237-2 (1983; Revised 9/12/94)
D. Haw.	Attorneys for all parties are required to meet at least once, in a good faith effort to negotiate a settlement. This meeting will occur within 2 months of notification that the action has been designated a civil action. (PD) Loc. R. 235-6(a) (11/91)	IA Loc. R. 235-1(b) (11/91)	Magistrate judge (PD)	Yes (PD) Loc. R. 240-1 (11/91)

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D. Idaho	The court rejected the Advisory Group's recommendation of a mandatory settlement conference. However, attorneys will be required to meet after the close of factual discovery and disclosure of expert witnesses in a good faith effort to clarify and narrow issues, attempt to resolve disputed matters, and seriously explore the possibility of settlement. In addition, the court will hold settlement weeks periodically, depending upon the volume of cases.	After the required meeting between counsel, a party may request a settlement conference. Loc. R. 68.1 (Revised 3/92)	The assigned district judge, another district judge, or a magistrate judge Loc. R. 68.1 (Revised 3/92)	All counsel, clients, and insurance carriers are expected to attend court-conducted settlement conferences. The settlement conference may be held by telephone at the discretion of the judge. Loc. R. 68.1 (Revised 3/92)
C.D. Ill.	IA Loc. R. 2.11 (1/92; Revised 1/94)	IA	IA Loc. R. 1.4 (1/92) Loc. R. 2.11 (1/92; Revised 1/94)	IA Loc. R. 2.11 (1/92; Revised 1/94)
N.D. Ill.	The court's Standing Order directs counsel and parties to thoroughly explore the possibility of settlement before beginning the extensive labor of preparing the final pretrial order. The court proposes to amend the Standing Order to allow the presiding judge to offer sua sponte to preside over settlement talks. Loc. Gen. R. 5.00A (6/26/85)	IA Loc. Gen. R. 5.00B (6/26/85)	Another district judge or a magistrate judge will preside over the settlement talks if the case is scheduled to go to bench trial. Loc. Gen. R. 5.00A (6/26/85)	The court proposes to amend the Standing Order to require that a party with authority to bind be present or available by telephone during any settlement conference.
S.D. Ill.	There is a mandatory settlement conference required in all cases except those in track A. Loc. R. 11(d) (5/92; Revised 3/94)	There is a mandatory settlement conference required in all cases except those in track A. The conference is held within 45 days after the cut-off of discovery. Loc. R. 11(d) (5/92; Revised 3/94)	A judicial officer other than the one assigned to the case Loc. R. 11(d) (5/92; Revised 3/94)	Yes Loc. R. 11(d)(2) (5/92; Revised 3/94)
N.D. Ind.	In complex cases, the judicial officer will consider discussing it at a subsequent pretrial conference. The court will expand the range of court-assisted settlement programs, but continues to view private negotiations as the most cost-effective approach to settlement.	If private settlement discussions might be enhanced by a court-hosted settlement conference, counsel should so inform the court. The judicial officer may order a settlement conference in any case.	A district judge or a magistrate judge	The judicial officer will consider such a requirement, either by attendance or telephonic availability.

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S.D. Ind.	The court should continue to actively encourage settlement by including discussion of settlement possibilities at every appropriate pretrial conference, soliciting settlement offers from the parties, early neutral evaluation by magistrates, shuttle diplomacy, and other techniques.	IA	IA	IA
N.D. Iowa	IA	Court-supervised settlement conferences will be routinely set in all complex cases at the completion of discovery, whether or not requested by the parties.	IA	IA
S.D. Iowa	IA	IA	IA	IA
D. Kan.	IA Loc. R. 214 (Revised 6/93)	IA Loc. R. 214 (Revised 6/93)	IA	IA Loc. R. 214 (Revised 6/93)
E.D. Ky.	IA	IA	IA	IA
W.D. Ky.	IA	IA	IA	Yes (PD)
E.D. La.	IA Loc. R. 8.01E–8.10 (5/89)	The court will state in the scheduling and managing order that a settlement conference will be scheduled at the request of any party for the purpose of discussing settlement.	The district judge or magistrate judge responsible for trying the case will preside over the settlement conference or make arrangements for it to be conducted by another district judge or magistrate judge.	Participants at the conference must include counsel of record with authority to bind settlement. The court may in appropriate cases specifically require attendance at a settlement conference by the parties to the suit or by representatives of the parties with authority to bind settlement.
M.D. La.	A settlement conference may be scheduled at the request of any party after the pretrial conference.	All civil cases	The presiding district judge, an assigned nontrial district judge, or a magistrate judge	Yes
W.D. La.	The court will encourage settlement at every stage in the proceedings. Ten days before trial, counsel for each party will file with the clerk of court an affidavit stating the date and time that a conference was held to attempt to settle the case. In addition, plaintiff's counsel will make a good faith settlement offer to defense	IA	IA	IA

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	counsel and attest that the defense counsel's counteroffer was conveyed to the plaintiff. Defense counsel will attest that the plaintiff's settlement offer was conveyed to the defendant and that the counteroffer was made. Loc. R. 8.02 (5/89, 4/92) Loc. R. 8.09 (5/89, 4/92)	Loc. R. 8.10 (5/89, 4/92)		
D. Me.	Both parties must be prepared to discuss possible settlement at the final pretrial conference.	Settlement discussions are held in all cases at the final pretrial conference and ordinarily again after the final pretrial conference and before the commencement of trial.	Settlement conferences in a nonjury case will be conducted by a judge or magistrate judge other than the one who will preside over trial.	Yes
D. Md.	Judges are to affirmatively raise the possibility of a settlement conference at the scheduling and pretrial conferences. The court will also require that counsel certify at the conclusion of discovery that they have met to conduct serious settlement negotiations.	Judges are to affirmatively raise the possibility of a settlement conference at the scheduling and pretrial conferences.	A magistrate judge or a senior district judge	IA Loc. R. 111
D. Mass.	IA Loc. R. 16.4 (10/92)	At every conference conducted under local rules, the judicial officer will inquire as to the utility of the parties conducting settlement negotiations, explore means of facilitating those negotiations, and offer whatever assistance may be appropriate. Loc. R. 16.4 (10/92)	The judicial officer may refer the case to another judicial officer for settlement purposes. Loc. R. 16.4 (10/92)	Whenever a settlement conference is held, a representative of each party who has settlement authority will attend or be available by telephone. Loc. R. 16.4 (10/92)
E.D. Mich.	IA	IA	IA	IA Loc. R. 16.1(c)
W.D. Mich.	IA	IA Loc. R. 31(i) (Revised 8/92)	IA Loc. R. 11 (Revised 6/92)	IA
D. Minn.	The appropriateness of a settlement conference is determined at the initial scheduling conference.	All civil cases except prisoner and Social Security cases	A district judge, a magistrate judge, or a special master	The parties may be required to attend in person.

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N.D. Miss.	The initial settlement conference is conducted at the case management conference.	After the initial conference, counsel may request that the assigned magistrate judge schedule a settlement conference as soon as possible.	IA	In addition to lead counsel, the court may require that a representative with binding authority attend or be immediately available by telephone.
S.D. Miss.	The initial settlement conference is conducted at the case management conference.	After the initial conference, counsel may request that the assigned magistrate judge schedule a settlement conference as soon as possible.	IA	In addition to lead counsel, the court may require that a representative with binding authority attend or be immediately available by telephone.
E.D. Mo.	IA	IA	IA	IA
W.D. Mo.	IA	IA	IA	IA
D. Mont.	The judicial officer will consider the advisability of requiring parties to participate in a settlement conference. Loc. R. 235-5	All civil cases Loc. R. 235-5	Judicial officer Loc. R. 235-5	A party with authority to bind must be present. Loc. R. 235-5
D. Neb.	If mediation is not used, the district or magistrate judge will consult with the parties and/or counsel regarding settlement early in the progression of the case. The judge will make a determination as to whether or not a settlement conference would likely assist the parties in resolving their dispute. If the court decides such a conference would be helpful, the parties and counsel will be directed to appear at a settlement conference. Loc. R. 68.1–68.2 (Revised 1/93)	Local rules may exempt certain categories of cases from settlement conferences.	IA	IA Loc. R. 16.2(b) (Revised 1/93)
D. Nev.	PD	IA	IA Loc. R. 185	Yes (PD)
D.N.H.	Judicial officers will place more emphasis on attempting to reach settlement at the final pretrial conference.	Selection will be at the discretion of the judicial officer.	IA	Yes Loc. R. 10 (5/69; Revised 1/85)

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D.N.J.	The magistrate judge may, at any appropriate time or on request of the parties, conduct a settlement conference. Attorneys will ensure that parties are available in person or by telephone, as the magistrate judge directs, except that a governmental party may be represented by a knowledgeable delegate.	IA	IA	Counsel will ensure that parties are available in person or by telephone, as the magistrate judge directs, except that a governmental party may be represented by a knowledgeable delegate. Gen. R. 15A.4 (12/91)
D.N.M.	The court will adopt a pilot settlement week program.	IA	The pilot program will use volunteer attorney/facilitators who have taken a training course in mediation in conjunction with the state bar's continuing legal education section.	IA
E.D.N.Y.	Periodic settlement conferences should be scheduled. Guideline 50.7	A settlement conference should be scheduled in all cases unless the court determines that it is unwarranted.	IA	The court may require parties to attend settlement conferences held in complex cases.
N.D.N.Y.	IA Loc. R. 5.7 General Order 25 § VIII(A)	Settlement conferences are held if ordered by the court or requested by the parties. Under Section 6 of the Uniform Pretrial Scheduling Order, settlement conferences are held with all actions approximately 2 weeks prior to scheduled trial date.	IA	One week prior to a settlement conference, parties will give the court a settlement conference statement presenting: a brief statement of the facts, a summary of the proceedings to date, a brief statement of claims and defenses and their bases, an estimate of time and cost of further action, a brief statement of agreed upon facts and issues, any issue that if resolved would aid in disposition of the case, the relief sought, and party positions on settlement. Loc. R. 5.7
S.D.N.Y.	For complex and standard cases, a settlement schedule will be developed at the case management conference.	For complex and standard cases, a settlement schedule will be developed at the case management conference.	IA	IA
W.D.N.Y.	Each settlement conference is designed to provide a neutral, nonbinding, evaluation program for the presentation of issues to a judicial officer as early as possible.	All civil cases	A district judge or a magistrate judge	Upon notice of the court, representatives with authority to bind must be present or available by telephone.

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E.D.N.C.	The court provides court-hosted settlement conferences and mediated settlement conferences. Loc. R. 30.00 (2/94) Loc. R. 32.00 (2/94)	All civil cases	A judicial officer or a court-appointed mediator from the approved list	Yes
M.D.N.C.	Parties should hold a mediated settlement conference during the discovery period. Loc. R. 205	Contract, tort, civil rights, labor, property rights, antitrust banking, securities, and environmental claims cases Loc. R. 602	A district judge, a magistrate judge, or a mediator	IA Loc. R. 207(c)
W.D.N.C.	A settlement conference is considered at the initial pretrial conference and all subsequent conferences and may be required by the assigned judicial officer. Any party may also file a request for a settlement conference. Loc. R. 7	A settlement conference is considered at the initial pretrial conference and all subsequent conferences and may be required by the assigned judicial officer. Any party may also file a request for a settlement conference.	Any judicial officer, including the assigned judicial officer	Yes
D.N.D.	IA	IA	IA	IA
D. N. Mar. I.	The judicial officer to whom a case is assigned will consider at the case management conference, or at any subsequent conference, the advisability of requiring the parties to participate in a settlement conference.	The selection of cases may be made at the case management conference or at any subsequent conference. The judge may also, by specific order, require participation in a settlement conference.	The judge may, at his or her discretion, preside over the settlement conference.	Participating attorneys will be required to have authority to bind parties at the case management conference and subsequent conferences.
N.D. Ohio	Judicial officers review cases for ADR and settlement possibilities at various stages of the proceedings.	IA	IA	IA
S.D. Ohio	IA General Order 91-4 (Eastern Division, 7/91)	IA General Order 91-4 (Eastern Division, 7/91)	IA General Order 91-4 (Eastern Division, 7/91)	IA General Order 91-4 (Eastern Division, 7/91)
E.D. Okla.	IA	A settlement conference will be held within 60 days after the status/scheduling conference for all cases in the standard and special management tracks.	Any judicial officer of the 3 federal judicial districts in the State of Oklahoma may preside over a settlement conference convened by the court.	Each party or court-approved representative with authority to participate in settlement negotiations and effect a complete solution will be required to personally attend the settlement conference.

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N.D. Okla.	Early pretrial settlement conferences are encouraged. The court will also provide an adjunct settlement judge program. Loc. R. 16.3(A) Loc. R. 16.3(I)	All civil cases Loc. R. 16.3(C)	Adjunct settlement judge Loc. R. 16.3(B) Loc. R. 16.3(F)	IA Loc. R. 16.3(D) Loc. R. 16.3(H)
W.D. Okla.	A mandatory settlement conference will be scheduled at the earliest practicable time. Loc. R. 17(I) (9/1/82; Revised 2/7/83, 8/11/86, 12/31/91)	IA Loc. R. 17(I) (9/1/82; Revised 2/7/83, 8/11/86, 12/31/91)	A magistrate judge, unless directed by the court Loc. R. 17(I) (9/1/82; Revised 2/7/83, 8/11/86, 12/31/91)	Yes Loc. R. 17(I) (9/1/82; Revised 2/7/83, 8/11/86, 12/31/91)
D. Or.	The provisions of Loc. R. 240-1 will govern the scheduling of a settlement conference before a judicial officer. Due to the press of the calendar, parties will be encouraged to pursue mediation first. If that fails, the parties will be permitted to re-apply for the appointment of a settlement judge.	IA	Judicial officer	IA Loc. R. 240-2(c)(4)
E.D. Pa.	In all special management track cases, the primary purpose of the second pretrial conference is to determine whether the case will settle. Prior to the conference, the parties will submit to the court brief preconference statements that identify their claims and defenses with the evidentiary support obtained from discovery. If the case does not settle during the conference, the court will set firm trial and discovery cut-off dates and order the parties to submit a plan to prepare for the trial of the case. Loc. R. 15	All special management track cases	District judge	The conference will be attended by the attorneys of record as well as a party, or representative of a party, with authority to settle the case.
M.D. Pa.	IA Loc. R. 1012.1 (Revised 11/88)	IA Loc. R. 1012.3 (Revised 11/88)	IA	IA Loc. R. 1012.4(A) (Revised 11/88)
W.D. Pa.	IA	IA	IA	IA

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D.P.R.	Settlement discussions may begin during the initial scheduling conference.	IA	IA	IA
D.R.I.	The court's ADR plan makes mandatory a settlement conference before a magistrate judge unless the parties voluntarily elect to participate in one of the court-annexed ADR programs.	All civil cases	Magistrate judge	Yes (PD)
D.S.C.	The court will adopt a pilot program to test routine scheduling of settlement conferences.	IA	If scheduling can be arranged, the pilot program will use senior district judges, visiting judges, and magistrate judges to hold settlement conferences in cases assigned to other district judges.	The pilot program will require that, upon notice of the court, a representative of the parties with authority to bind will be present or available by telephone during any settlement conference.
D.S.D.	The court will work to create an environment that encourages early settlement	All civil cases	Magistrate judge	Yes (PD)
E.D. Tenn.	A judicially hosted settlement conference is an informal, flexible, noncoercive, and voluntary conference designed to aid settlement. Each party may forward, at least 4 days prior to the scheduled conference, an ex parte, confidential memorandum to the designated settlement judge that outlines the party's basic contentions, a history of past negotiations, expected monetary value of the case if liability is found, probability of success of each party, factual and legal strengths and weaknesses, a suitable range for settlement, and any other matters deemed important. If such a memorandum is not prepared, the party will forward to the settlement judge at least 4 days before the settlement conference as much of the above information as possible.	Loc. R. 68.1 (1992) With consent of the parties, a judge may refer any civil case for a settlement conference.	The judicial officer participating in the settlement conference will be a neutral mediator and facilitator and will play absolutely no role in the adjudication of the case once he or she is designated as settlement judge.	The settlement judge may require the attendance of the parties and their representatives at the settlement conference.

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M.D. Tenn.	ADR is discussed with the case manager at the initial case management conference. Any party may request, or the case manager may direct any case to a settlement conference or other forms of ADR. For involuntary referrals, the court will first satisfy itself that it is in compliance with the requirements of the Sixth Circuit ruling in <i>In re NLO, Inc.</i> No. 93-3065 (9/17/93). The court can only refer cases to ADR not provided by the court with the consent of the parties. Loc. R. 11(d)(1)(c)(4) (3/94) Loc. R. 11(d)(2)(i) (3/94) Loc. R. 20(c)(1) Loc. R. 20(c)(2) Loc. R. 20(d)(4)	Any case may go to a settlement conference at any time. Loc. R. 11(d)(1)(c) (3/94) Loc. R. 11(d)(2)(i) (3/94) Loc. R. 11(d)(3)(e) (3/94) Loc. R. 11(d)(6)(a) (3/94) Loc. R. 20(b) (3/94) Loc. R. 20(d)(2) (3/94)	A district judge or a magistrate judge Loc. R. 20(d)(1) (3/94)	The court may require that representatives with authority to bind be present or available by telephone. Loc. R. 20(d)(3) (3/94)
W.D. Tenn.	The court will continue to rely heavily on settlement conferences to settle cases.	IA	The assigned district judge, another district judge, or a magistrate judge	PD
E.D. Tex.	Settlement and ADR are discussed at the management conference.	IA	IA	IA
N.D. Tex.	The court strongly favors early settlement discussions. The parties in every civil action must have settlement discussions at the earliest possible date, well in advance of any pretrial conference. The presiding judge will be available for settlement conferences and may require and establish procedures for such conferences. Loc. R. 9.1 (3/78)	Judges, at their discretion, may require that a settlement conference be held early in a case, well in advance of any pretrial conferences.	IA	IA
S.D. Tex.	IA	IA	IA	By individual notice, the court will require attendance at all pretrial/settlement conferences by an attorney who has the authority to bind in all matters.
W.D. Tex.	IA	IA	IA	IA

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D. Vt.	IA Loc. R. 6	IA	IA	IA
D.V.I.	IA	IA	IA Loc. R. 3.2 (7/20/92)	It is the practice of the court that attorneys with authority to bind their clients respecting all matters previously identified by the court for discussion be present at pretrial conferences. (PD) Loc. R. 3.2(e)(2)
E.D. Va.	The court does not as a matter of course hold settlement conferences.	IA	IA	CR
W.D. Va.	Settlement conferences may be called at the discretion of the judicial officer. Any party may request a settlement conference. Upon such a request, the judicial officer will schedule a conference.	IA	IA	IA
E.D. Wash.	After the parties have completed substantial discovery, the court will schedule a settlement conference.	IA	IA	Parties and counsel are required to attend the settlement conference.
W.D. Wash.	The local rules already provide for settlement judges.	IA	IA	IA
N.D. W. Va.	Settlement week conferences should be scheduled at regular intervals (at least 3 times in a calendar year). For cases exempted because the court found there would be no beneficial purpose in a settlement conference, and for those cases not settled as a result of the settlement week conference, the court should set a date for submission of a pretrial order or a pretrial conference and a firm trial date.	All civil cases are eligible once discovery is completed, except type I cases and those cases exempted pursuant to the provisions hereof (e.g., if the parties, with the consent of the court, agreed to some other form of ADR, or if there would be no benefit to the case).	IA	IA Loc. R. 2.13

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S.D. W. Va.	The possibility of settlement is evaluated at the time frame conference. A final settlement conference is scheduled in the time frame order. Loc. R. 2.04	A final settlement conference is scheduled in the time frame order issued for all cases. Loc. R. 2.04	IA	Yes Loc. R. 2.04
E.D. Wis.	At the pretrial conference the judicial officer will determine whether a case is appropriate for one of the following settlement procedures: a conference with a district judge or a magistrate judge; appointment of a special master; or referral of the case to early neutral evaluation, mediation, or some form of ADR. Loc. R. 7.12 (1/1/92)	IA	Judicial officers may make referrals to a neutral, who in the opinion of the officer, has the ability to bring parties together in a settlement. Loc. R. 7.12 (1/1/92)	At the settlement conference, parties may be required to attend or be available by telephone. Loc. R. 7.12 (1/1/92)
W.D. Wis.	IA	IA	IA	IA
D. Wyo.	A local rule currently allows parties to request a magistrate judge for settlement conferences. Loc. R. 101 (Revised 11/93)	IA	Magistrate judge	The court's local rule requires this representation and it predates the CJRA. Loc. R. 101 (Revised 11/93)